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AMHERST TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

LINDLEY F. WYMAN

Selectmen

GEORGE L. GOODALE PERCY M. ODELL

CHARLES M. WALLACE

School Board

FANNIE L. CLARK OSCAR BURNS, M. D.

WILLIAM W. SLOAN

Town Treasurer

F. W. BROWN

Tax Collector

M. W. PERRY

Town Clerk

W. W. SLOAN

Road Agent

JOHN H. DODGE

Auditors

W. D. CLARK C. P. DODGE

Supervisors of Check List

HAROLD H. WILKINS FREDERICK W. BROWN

MELVIN W. PERRY

Health Officer

WILLIAM W. GOODALE

Chief of Police

B. F. MONSON

Fire Wards

W. W. SLOAN, Chief F. O. STEVENS

C. F. WELLS

Forest Fire Ward

W. W. SLOAN

Trustees of Trust Funds

FRANK C. TAYLOR HAROLD H. WILKINS

WALLACE CHILSON

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR COMING YEAR

Town Officers	$ 1,000 00
Town Officers, expenses	250 00
Election and Registration	85 00
Town Hall	300 00
Police	100 00
Fire Department	600 00
Vital Statistics	15 00
State Aid Construction	1,590 00
Trunk Line Maintenance	803 00
Baboosic State Road, last year's appropriation, 7,000, raised 1,000,	6000 00
Amount to be raised this year	2,500 00
Highways and Bridges	4,000 00
Street lights	900 00
Library	300 00
Town Poor	500 00
Memorial Expenses	100 00
Soldiers Aid	100 00
Parks and Playgrounds	400 00
Cemeteries	500 00
Town Clock	25 00
Interest on trust funds	141 40
Interest on Serial notes	320 00
Town Debt	1,000 00
State Tax	4,000 00
County Tax	1,955 71
Schools	13,000 00
	$40,485 11

INVENTORY OF TAXABLE PROPERTY

Improved and unimproved lands		$852,275 00
Horses 251		31,800
Asses and mules 2		270 00
Cows 523		38,470 00
Other neat stock 90		5,220 00
Sheep 65		770 00
Hogs 64		1,875 00
Fowls 1,524		2,255 00
Vehicles and Automobiles 68		26,810 00
Portable mills 4		2,300 00
Wood and lumber etc.		32,550 00
Municipal Bonds and Notes		21,540 00
Stocks in National Banks in this state		4,420 00
Money on hand, at interest or on deposit		32,705 00
Stock in trade		10,385 00
Aqueducts		900 00
		$1,064,545 00
Number of Polls	221	
Amount of exemption	$4100	
Amount of taxes		$27,106 44
Rate		$250

Warrant for Meeting

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst, N. H., in the County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Amherst, on Tuesday, the ninth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.
3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for repairing Highways and Bridges, and make appropriations for the same.
4. To raise, and appropriate, such sums of money as may be necessary for maintenance of town poor.
5. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate to pay on town debt.
6. To see what sum of money the town will raise, and appropriate for Memorial Day.
7. To see if the town will vote to raise, and appropriate, the sum of $400.00 for the care of the Park, and repairs and construction of Sidewalks.
8. To see what action the town will take in regard to expending the accrued interest on the Cemetery funds, for the general upkeep of the Cemetery.
9. To see what action the town will take in regard to raising money for the construction of the new Baboosic State Road.

10. To see what action the town will take in regard to turning the Baboosic Road over to the State.

11. To see if the town will vote to close the road, leading from a point near Mr. Hale's place to Mont Vernon. (By request of Selectmen of Mont Vernon.)

12. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of $1,590.00 for construction of the Ponemah Road.

13. To see what action the town will take in regard to purchasing a Memorial for the soldiers of the late war, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

14. To see if the town will provide a winter Hearse, and raise and appropriate money for the same. (By request of C. M. Wallace.)

15. To see what action the town will take in regard to exempting from tax on Mr. John H. Parkhurst's water system, provided he will furnish a system of Water Works. (By request of John H. Parkhurst.)

16. To see if the town will vote to establish a system of Water Works. (By request of Charles P. Dodge.)

17. To see if the town will vote to make a discount on all Taxes paid before the first day of June. (By request of R. H. Prince.)

18. To see if the town will vote to purchase a Road Roller, and raise and appropriate money for the same. (By request of W. D. Clarke.)

19. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to fight the Gipsy, and Brown Tail Moth.

20. To hear the report of all Town Officers, Agents, and Committees, and pass any vote relating thereto.

21. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

GEORGE L. GOODALE,
PERCY M. ODELL,
CHARLES M. WALLACE,
Selectmen of Amherst.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest.

Report of Town Treasurer

Balance in treasury, Feb. 1, 1919	$ 6,379 26	
M. W. Perry, collector (1915-16 taxes)	227 92	
M. W. Perry, collector, (1917 taxes	97 97)	
M. W. Perry, collector (1918 taxes)	3,878 28	
M. W. Perry, collector (1919 taxes)	23,810 94	
M. W. Perry, collector (abatements)	362 07	
State Treasurer:		
Railroad tax	965 29	
Savings bank tax	1903 21	
Forestry commission (fire bills)	77 63	
Highway department	200 00	
County Treasurer:		
Paupers and county aid	$180 57	
Cemetery lots (L. F. Wyman)	30 00	
Junk licenses	18 00	
Pool licenses	10 00	
Bowling alley license	15 00	
Rent of town hall	67 00	
Dog licenses, 1919	144 00	
Fisk highway fund	81 96	
		$38,449 10

Cr.

Paid on selectmen't orders	$30,652 63	
Pd state treas. (bal. $4536 state tax)	1860 50	
Paid state treasurer (special state tax chapter 140, laws 1919)	1008 00	
Cash in treasury Feb.1, 1920	4927 97	
		$38,449 10

Recapitulation, 1919

Whole amount received	$38,449 10	
Paid on orders of selectmen and state treasurer	33,521 13	
Cash in treasury Jan 31, 1920		$4927 97
Uncollected taxes		$2992 18
		$7920 15

Notes Outstanding:		
Charles H. Raymond	1000 00	
Mattie D. Martin	1000 00	
Souhegan National bank	1000 00	
Isabelle D. Martin	1000 00	
Clara H. Kendall	500 00	
John A. Boutelle	500 00	
Harlan P. Bradford	3000 00	
Trustees trust funds	3535 00	
		$11,535 00
Due School District, balance appropriation		$2643 00
		$14,178 00
Entire town's indebtedness		$6,257 85

FREDERICK W. BROWN
Amherst Town Treasurer.

Amherst N. H., Feb. 15, 1920.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM D. CLARK
CHARLES P. DODGE,
Auditors.

Report of Selectmen

SUMMARY OF EXPENSE

Town Officers, salaries	$1,007	75
Town Officers, expenses	242	26
Town Hall expenses	371	10
Town police	48	65
Fire Department	583	58
Bounties on Hedgehogs	4	60
Health Department	7	60
Vital Statistics	10	75
State Aid Roads	23	00
Trunk line road maintenance	859	61
John H. Dodge, highways & bridges	4,631	21
General expense, highways & bridges	5	00
Street lights	867	01
Library	301	75
Town Poor	319	50
County Poor	225	32
Patriotic purposes	419	34
Memorial Day	75	00
Soldiers Aid	37	92
Parks and Playgrounds	708	80
Cemeteries	397	32
Abatements	362	07
Town clock	20	00
Interest on notes	501	40
Paid on Town Debt	1,000	00
State Tax	2,675	50
County Tax	1,955	71
Schools	12,990	88
		$30,652 63

Town Officers

C. P. Dodge, auditor 1918	$ 4 00	
C. P. Dodge, auditor 1919	4 00	
G. L. Goodale, selectman	55 00	
P. M. Odell, 2nd Selectman	150 00	
C. L. Chase, bal. salary	16 00	
L. F. Wyman, moderator	5 00	
M. W. Perry, bal. 1918 & ½ sal. 1919	140 00	
W. D. Clark, auditor	4 00	
W. W. Goodale, health officer	13 00	
G .L. Goodale, 1 sedectman	55 00	
G. L. Goodale, overseer poor	20 00	
W. W. Sloan, town clerk	77 75	
F. W. Brown, salary treasurer	90 00	
F. W. Brown, supervnsor	10 00	
M. W. Perry, supervisor	10 00	
C. M. Wallace, 3rd selectman	146 00	
P. M. Odell, 2nd selectman	39 00	
C. W. Going, clerk trust funds	50 00	
		$1,007 75

Town Officers, Expense

W. D. Clark, auto hire for 3 yrs.	$24 00
Clarence Russell, surveying	2 50
R. E. Lane, supplies for clerk	1 66
F. W. Brown, stamps and stationery	2 96
W. B. & A. B. Rotch, printing adv.	1 00
Annie E. White, for transfers	4 32
Emma L. Clark, supplies & postage	1 23
N. E. Telephone Co.	13 73
A. L. Keyes, Trustees and Treas. bonds	42 00
Edson C. Eastman, tax book	2 79
A. L. Keyes, tax collector's bond	12 00
Emma L. Clerk, clerical work	21 25
H. B. Burtt, stamps for reports & inv.	13 93
W. B. & A. B. Rotch, printing reports	77 50
W. B. & A. B. Rotch, envs. for reports	1 75

F. W. Brown, expense at election	3 15	
P. M. Odell, bounds for Merrimack line, 1918	3 00	
P. M. Odell, two assessors meetings	8 50	
F. W. Brown, stamps & stationery	2 96	
G. L. Goodale, stamps & 'phone '18, '19	2 03	
		$242 26

Town Hall

W. W. Sloan, janitor	$50 00	
Charles Pherson, wood and work	3 75	
John P. Fletcher, wood	6 00	
George P. Fields, sawing wood	4 70	
D. A. Warren, wood	20 25	
John Q. Hodgman, labor & supplies	3 80	
Levi Stockwell, wood	3 50	
Gust Peterson, labor	75	
A. L. Martin, supplies	5 81	
H. H. Barber, curtains	18 75	
Albert Converse, setting glass	1 28	
Standard Paint & Lead Works, paint for roof,	57 89	
William L. Nutting, tuning piano	5 00	
A. L. Martin, supplies	3 14	
C. M. Wallace, work and stock	6 10	
George A. Jenkins, repairs & painting	30 35	
B. W. Prince, repairs	15 00	
Frank C. Taylor, labor & supplies	22 86	
A. L. Martin, supplies	7 08	
Glendon E. Goodale, repairs	16 00	
Manchester Hardware Co., paint	15 03	
F. D. Cook Co., Band moulding	3 60	
G. L. Goodale, labor and stock	22 61	
Henry J. Cochran, whitewashing	6 00	
M. L. & P. Co., light	41 85	
		$371 10

Police Department

A. L. Goodale	4 50	
W. D. Clark	15 25	
B. F. Monson	27 40	
C. F. Roberts	1 50	
		$48 65

Fire Department

F. O. Stevens, fire ward	$ 10 00	
W. W. Sloan, forest fires	10 45	
Byron Caldwell, shoveling snow	1 00	
W. W. Sloan, forest fires	97 75	
A. L. Martin, supplies	6 63	
Knight & Thomas, supplies	23 42	
Knight & Thomas, supplies	7 55	
L. F. Wyman, pay roll	200 00	
A. L. Martin, supplies	1 05	
A. L. Martin, Crooker fire	4 55	
F. C. Taylor, repairs	14 74	
A. L. Martin, supplies	8 55	
W. W. Sloan, supplies	17 15	
G. E. Parker, wood	2 50	
W. W. Sloan, forest fires	47 85	
W. D. Clark, transportation	7 00	
A. L. Martin, supplies	6 19	
W. W. Sloan, fire ward	25 00	
W. W. Sloan, care engine house	60 00	
W. W. Sloan, forest fire warden	25 00	
W. W. Sloan, paid shoveling	1 20	
M. L. & P. Co.	6 00	
		583 58

Bounty

Paid on hedgehogs for 1918	3 00	
Paid on hedgehogs for 1919	1 60	
		$4 60

Board of Health

W. W. Goodale, supplies,	4 25	
Oscar Burns, M. D.	3 35	
		$7 60

Vital Statistics

W. W. Sloan, returning births & deaths	10 00	
George L. Hilton returning births, deaths	75	
		$10 75

State Aid Road

Frank Stearns, repairs		$23 00
Due from state	$14 66	

Trunk Line Road

Frank Stearns, patrolman		$859 41
Received from state	$200 00	

Highways and Bridges

Paid John H. Dodge	$4,631 21	
General expense department	5 00	
		$4,636 21

Street Lights

Milford Light and Power Co.		$867 01

Library

Mrs. Flora A. Hanson	$300 00	
A. W. Converse, repairs	1 75	
		$301 75

Town Poor

P. B. Flint	68 00	
Mrs. John Gould	50 00	
Mrs. Emily Sawtelle	120 00	
Mrs. Carl Pearsons	22 00	
Oscar Burns, carrying P. B. Flint to Grasmere	7 50	
A. L. Martin, carrying child to Grasmere and two trips to Milford	7 00	
Conray Sisters	5 00	
L. F. Wyman, funeral expenses for Mrs. Sawtelle	40 00	
		$319 50

County Poor

Dr. Burns, medical attendance for David Geddes	2 50	
A. L. Martin, goods for Geo. Merrill	104 40	
Dr. Burns, medical attendance for Doucette	110 25	
Care of tramps	8 17	
		$225 32

Patriotic Purposes

J. J. Abbott, painting honor board	$ 7 65	
Rainey's band	195 00	
John P. Squire, hams	16 39	
W. B. & A. B. Rotch, programs	34 50	
Milford Bakery, rolls	4 95	
A. I. Martin, supplies	30 32	
J. H. Dodge, special police	18 00	
Whitehead & Hoag Co., medals	82 39	
W. F. French, flags	2 38	
Frank Hartshorn Co., lumber	25 26	
Gustalf Peterson	2 50	
		$419 34

Memorial Day

Daniel Peabody	$75 00

Soldiers' Aid

Aid to soldiers and their families	$37 92

Parks and Playgrounds

Austin Merrill	$ 20 62	
Charles Petingale	15 00	
J. N. Hall	3 00	
A. L. Martin, flags for Memorial	24 05	
J. N. Douglas, sidewalks & concrete	584 25	
Gustalf Peterson	1 50	
J. H. Dodge, labor in park	60 38	
		$708 80

Cemeteries

W. D. Clark, supplies	$ 5 15	
H. T. Harvell, mowing	3 00	
L. F. Wyman, Hearse, expense of opening graves, etc.	69 00	
John H. Dodge, pulling bushes and cleaning new cemetery	19 00	
F. C. Taylor, supplies and labor	42 03	
L. F. Wyman, work & cash paid help	24 75	
A. L. Martin, cement	1 00	
W. L. Cross, work	1 45	
L. F. Wyman, work & cash paid help	78 09	
Richard Weston, work	23 20	
L. F. Wyman, work & cash paid help	60 90	
F. C. Taylor, work on pump	2 75	
L. F. Wyman, work and cash paid	67 00	
		$397 32

Abatement of Taxes, 1918

Paid M. W. Perry	$362 07

Town Clock

W. W. Sloan, care of clock	$15 00	
Charles Pherson, repairs on clock	5 00	
		$20 00

Town Debt

Paid A. M. Philbrick, term note	$1,000 00

Interest

F. W. Brown, Interest on notes	$360 00	
C. W. Going, Interest on trust funds	141 40	
		$501 40

County Treasurer

County Tax	$1,955 71

State Treasurer

State tax	$2,675 50

Schools

F. W. Brown $12,990 88

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WILLIAM D. CLARK,
CHARLES P. DODGE,
Auditors.

SNOW ACCOUNT

Dr.

Amt. received of Town Treasurer as per order of Selectmen $157 68

Cr.

Richard N. Hare	$19 95
Mark Bennett	1 50
H. A. Junkins Est.	6 00
E. H. Peaslee	13 60
H. R. Locke	9 60
H. M. Hayward, Odell Dist.	17 60
H. M. Hayward, Hayward Dist.	11 40
Thomas W. Harvell	32 00
Charles Wheeler,	80
P. M. Odell	2 40
F. W. Noyes	3 20
Sumner Merrill	11 60
George L. Goodale	2 40
J. H. Dodge	25 63
	$157 68

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. DODGE.

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CHARLES P. DODGE,
WILLIAM D. CLARK,
Auditors.

Report of Road Agent.

J. H. DODGE, Road Agent,
In account with Town of Amherst.

Dr.

Received of Town Treasurer, per order of Selectmen	$4,342 17	
Loan of Pump	1 25	
Old Lumber sold	50	
		$4,343 92

Cr.

Edwin Atkinson	$308 15
Newton Stockwell	441 94
George Parker	474 59
Stockwell Bros	135 00
Leonard Stockwell	192 50
Charles Monson	405 25
Austin Merrill	151 33
George Boutelle	28 50
Kendall and Wilkins	41 70
Frank Bills	30 00
A. L. Martin	44 14
M. F. Goodale	36 94
Horace Boutelle	31 50
Horace Harvell	31 90
Leon Perkins	36 00
Good Roads Mch. Co.	10 50
Boston & Maine, freight	52
Levi Stockwell	39 12
Benjamin Monson	1 50
J. A. Casey	14 25
F. W. Noyes	12 00

Fred Parker	80
Harry Boutell	3 50
H. P. Odell	1 60
Charles P. Wheeler	16 40
P. M. Odell	20
John B. Varick Co.	12 35
W. D. Clark	9 50
M. B. Carpenter Est.	1 70
L. F. Wyman	1 10
John P. Fletcher	1 15
Mrs. Kitty Downes	8 10
E. H. Peaslee	36 50
Albert Converse	1 50
John A. Hanson	3 00
C. M. Wallace	5 00
Forrest D. West	8 80
Lemuel Fuller	11 10
Amherst Aqueduct Co.	18 00
F. C. Taylor	14 65
Aaron Emerson	3 30
Gustaf Peterson	9 75
N. E. Road Mch. Co.	1 00
C. D. Hale	8 17
Frank Hartshorn Co.	6 85
Robert Atkinson	14 00
W. F. French	75
George Goodale	25 13
W. T. Whittle	50
Kittredge and Prescott	25 63
Henry Cochran	1 10
J. H. Dodge	764 63
J. H. Dodge, Teams	823 83
J. H. Dodge, carrying help	37 00
	$4343 92

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. DODGE.

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WILLIAM D. CLARK,
CHARLES P. DODGE,
Auditors.

Report of Tax Collector

TAX OF 1919

Dr

To amount of tax as assessed	$27,106 44	
To amount of extra tax	58 75	
		$27,165 19

Cr.

By amount paid Town Treasurer	$24,173 01	
Uncollected and in hands of Coll.	2,992 18	
		$27,165 19

M. W. PERRY,
Collector.

REPORT OF COLLECTOR 1918

Dr.

Amount due town Feb. 15, 1919	$3,805 09

Cr.

By paid Town Treasurer	$3,443 02	
Abatements	362 07	
		$3,805 09

Interest Account Dr.

To amount collected	$73 19

Cr.

By paid Town Treasurer	$73 19

COLLECTED TAX OF 1915 and 1916

Dr.

To amount collected	$227 92

Cr.

By paid Town Treasurer	$227 92

COLLECTED TAX OF 1917

Dr.

To amount collected	$97 97

Cr.

By paid Town Treasurer	$97 97

M. W. PERRY,
Collector.

Account squared in full for 1915, 1916, 1917, and 1918 taxes as per above report.

FREDERICK W. BROWN,
Amherst Town Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM D. CLARK,
CHARLES P. DODGE,
Auditors.

ABATEMENTS OF 1918

Mrs. Blanche Stevens, overtax	$26 00
George A. Trow, overtax	6 50
William H. Colsten, overtax	11 70
Mrs. Belle H. Tarbell	2 60
Roger Dillon Heirs, overtax	2 60
Seldon Staples, overtax	3 90
Albert Philbrick, overtax	23 40
Parkhurst and Dutton, overtax	49 40
John E. Hodlin, overtax	2 08
John Gould Est. exempt	31 20
G. R. Brittain, pays in Boston	2 00
Albert Chickering, pays in Hillsboro	2 00
Joe Gouett, pays in Hollis	2 00

Peter Burgeson, pays in Nashua	2 00	
William Calman, pays in Manchester	2 00	
Frank L. Potter, pays in Cambridge	2 00	
George Garland, pays in Norwood, Mass.	2 00	
Wallace Raymond, pays in Milford	2 00	
Noah D. Wright, over seventy	2 00	
John A. Boutelle, over seventy,	2 00	
Watson B. Byrd, over seventy	2 00	
Fred Hill out of town	2 00	
Franklin E. Barker	2 00	
James O'Hanlin, out of town	2 00	
Guy Bills, U. S. S.	2 00	
Malcolm D. Clark, U. S. S.	2 00	
Adelbert Converse, U. S. S.	2 00	
Henry Stockwell, U. S. S.	2 00	
E. I. Bartlett, U. S. S.	2 00	
Non-resident property sold for taxes:		
Albert L. Flint	31 20	
R. M. Harris	3 90	
H. E. Moore	2 60	
Calsam Mangoli	3 12	
Daniel Mohr	1 56	
Cost of Advertising	8 25	
Resident property sold for taxes:		
Mrs. Abbie A. Wheeler	104 00	
W. E. Jennings	10 06	
		$362 07

M. W. PERRY,
Collector.

Trust Funds of the Town of Amherst

For Cemetery Purposes

	Principal	Income
Amoskeag Savings bank	$2375 00	
Legacy Geo. F. Hanson	50 00	
Legacy John Hanson	50 00	
Legacy W. L. Cross	100 00	
Legacy F. A. Holbrook	100 00	
Legacy Mrs. Geo. Holbrook	50 00	
Legacy Mary E. Wheeler	100 00	
Accrued income		$330 26
Interest collected for 1919		112 38
Mechanics' Savings bank	2300 00	
Accrued interest		457 43
Interest collected		111 41
Note of Town of Amherst	3535 00	
Interest collected on note		141 40
Bal. of interest not spent last year		113 07
Principal on hand	8660 00	$1265 95
Expense for care of lots		$ 225 75
Income on hand		$ 1040 20

E. D. Boylston Cemetery Fund

New Hampshire Savings bank	$300 00	
Interest collected		$ 12 28
Income on hand		10 85
Total income		$ 23 13
Paid for care of lot		$ 6 75

Balance of income on hand		$ 16 38

Joel Parker Cemetery Fund

Balance, if any, to Town Library

New Hampshire Savings bank	$1000 00	
Interest collected		$ 40 80
Paid for care of lot		12 00
Balance of interest paid Library		$ 28 80

Aaron Lawrence School Fund

City Guaranty Savings bank	$1542 32	
Interest collected		$ 62 31
Paid treasurer of School District		$ 62 31

Fiske Highway Fund

Merrimack River Savings bank	$2000 00	
Interest collected		$ 80 81
Paid Town Treasurer		80 81

Lucretia Lawrence School Fund

5 shares Northern R. R. stock	$500 00	
Interest collected		$ 36 00
Paid Treasurer School District		36 00

Spaulding School Fund

15 shares Peterboro R. R. stock	$1500 00	
2000 City of Nashua bonds	2000 00	
2000 City of Laconia bonds	2000 00	
Amoskeag Savings bank	1500 00	
New Hampshire Savings bank	3000 00	
Total amount invested	$10,000 00	
Interest Peterboro R. R. stock		$60 00
Interest City of Nashua bonds		80 00
Interest City of Laconia bonds		80 00
Amoskeag Savings bank		61 34
New Hampshire Savings bank		120 00
Total amount interest collected		$401 34
Paid to Treasurer of School District		$401 34

Mary P. Nutt School Fund

New Hampshire Savings bank	$5000 00	
Interest collected		$200 00
Accrued interest		5 61
Total income		$205 61
Paid Treasurer School District		200 00
Balance income on hand		5 61
Principal of all funds	$29,002 32	
Income for year, all funds		$1198 73
Total amount paid from interest collected		1053 76
Balance of interest on hand		$144 97
Balance of income on hand		$287 94
Cash on deposit in Souhegan bank		$432 91
Accrued income on hand		$793 30

FRANK C. TAYLOR
HAROLD H. WILKINS
WALLACE CHILSON.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched

WILLIAM D. CLARK
CHARLES P. DODGE,
Auditors.

Fortieth Annual Report of the Amherst Town Library

OFFICERS

President	Charles P. Dodge
Secretary and Treasurer	Flora A. Hanson
Librarian	Jennie Holbrook

TRUSTEES

Charles P. Dodge	Term expires March, 1920
Mrs. Mary Heath	Term expires March 1920
Edward P. Fowle	Term expires March 1921
Mrs. Flora A. Hanson	Term expires March 1921
William W. Sloan	Term expires March 1922
Mrs. Emily Ware	Term expires March 1922

The trustees and librarian have been advised by the Public Library Commission of New Hampshire to adopt the following form for their report to the town:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts

Balance at beginning of year	$ 29 69	
Town appropriation	300 00	
Income from endowment funds	28 80	
Gifts and entertainments	1 50	
Fines	10 00	
Other sources	50	
Total receipts		$370 49

Expenditures

Books	$ 73 47	
Periodicals	32 50	
Binding	27 73	
Salaries, librarian	50 00	
Salary, janitor	30 00	
Rent, light, heat and water	46 37	
Supplies and printing	43 17	
Care of grounds	29 95	
Total expenditures		$333 19
Balance on hand		$37 30

RESOURCES

Number of bound volumes at beginning of year	6161
Number bound volumes added by purchase	57
Number bound volumes added by gift	18
Federal, state and town documents added	5
Number volumes of magazines added by binding	20
Total	6261
Deduct number of volumes lost or discarded	17
Total number of volumes owned at end of year	6244
Number of magazines and newspapers currently received	23

SERVICE

	Adult	Juv.	Total
No. of volumes non-fiction lent	246	101	347
No. of volumes fiction lent	3298	742	4040
No. of volumes unbound magazines lent	753	80	833
Total circulation for current year	4297	923	5220
No. new borrowers added during the year			56
Total number of active borrowers during year			245

Roll of Honor

Amherst Men in Military Service

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*PERCY C. DAVIS
GUY E. BILLS
ELGIN J. BARTLETT
HORACE R. BOUTELLE
LEON K. BOUTELLE
*PAUL G. BLANDIN
HAROLD B. BURTT
EVERETT E. BYRD
SAMUEL A. CALDWELL
CARROLL C. CARKIN
MALCOLM D. CLARK
PETER F. CLARKIN
ROYAL E. CHASE
RALPH W. CHASE
ALBERT W. CONVERSE
JAMES P. DOYLE
DANIEL J. DOYLE
WENDELL W. GREENLEE
HENRY E. HALL
RODNEY J. HODGMAN
ELMER E. HODGMAN
WILLIAM H. HODGMAN
FREDERICK V. HOWARD
GUY E. KIDDER
LELAND C. KIDDER
RALPH G. MANNING
EVERETT W. MERRILL
WILLARD H. PARKER
FRANK G. PETTENGILL
TRACY I. RAYMOND
FRED E. SPRAGUE
HENRY L. STOCKWELL
CARL H. VOGEL
BYRON B. WALKER
ROBERT T. WESTON
WALTER K. WESTON
KENNETH B. WETHERBEE
WILLIAM R. WHITE
WILLIAM E. WHITEHOUSE
WALTER R. WHITEHOUSE
FRED WHITTEMORE

AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD

William W. Sloan, Chairman Fannie L. Clark, Clerk
Oscar Burns, M.D.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Harold C. Bales, Milford N. H.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Oscar Burns, M.D., assisted by Miss Charlotte A. Smith, Public Health Nurse, Milford Red Cross

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REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOL YEAR SEPT. 1, 1918 TO AUG. 31, 1919

Administration		
Administration		$ 875 03
Instruction		
Teachers' salaries	$7185 76	
Textbooks	207 70	
Scholars' supplies	201 02	
Flags	45	
Miscellaneous expense	63 53	
		$7658 46
Operation and Maintenance		
Janitors	$376 44	
Fuel	373 88	
Light, Power and Janitors' supplies	48 23	
Repairs	194 03	
		$992 58
Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities		
Tuition	207 00	
Transportation	844 00	
Medical Inspection	100 00	
Library Books	50 00	
		$1,201 00
Outlay for Construction and Equipment		
Outlay for Construction and Equipment		$119 40
Debt and Interest		
Debt and Interest		$1,158 51
		$12,004 98

Of this total $8,260 was spent for elementary schools and $3, 745 for high school.

ORDERS DRAWN ON DISTRICT TREASURER

Administration	
Fannie L. Clark, School board	$ 30 00
W. W. Sloan, School board	30 00

Dr. Oscar Burns, School board	30 00	
District Treasurer	30 00	
W. W. Sloan, District Clerk	4 00	
A. W. Smith, Superintendet's salary	674 95	
Fannie L. Clark, truant officer & census	6 74	
R. E. Lane, enumeration cards	2 32	
A. W. Smith, office expenses	27 51	
F. W. Brown, postage, stationery	8 05	
C. P. Dodge, auditor	2 00	
W. D. Clark, auditor	4 00	
C. F. Williams Sons, account book	10 96	
Milford Cabinet, printing	14 50	
		$875 03

Instruction

Salaries of Teachers

William Aitchison	$397 10	
Frances Clark	132 00	
Florence Corliss	444 00	
Hattie Dary	468 00	
Beth Easter	398 40	
Abbie Kendall	238 00	
None Kennedy	553 60	
Madeleine Kingsley	631 95	
Hazel Pettingell	33 60	
Bertha Piper	650 00	
A. W. Remington	54 15	
Fred L. Sawyer	1,299 96	
Fred L. Sawyer, special	55 00	
Delphia Streeter	140 00	
Katherine Stinson	432 00	
Mrs. Forest West	238 00	
Mary Wheeler	444 00	
Norris Woodbury	180 00	
Charles Wyman	396 00	
		$7,185 76

Textbooks

American Book Co.	$ 10 40	

Ed. E. Babb & Co.	66 60	
Ginn & Co.	44 28	
Houghton—Mifflin Co.	2 88	
Macmillan Co.	19 36	
McGraw Hill Book Co.	3 00	
Manual Arts Press	3 00	
Charles E. Merrill Co.	5 28	
The Rumford Press	1 28	
John C. Winston Co.	49 93	
World Book Co.	1 69	
		$207 70

Scholers' Supplies

E. E. Babb & Co.	44 33	
Bergami Hardware & Elec. Co.	19	
W. D. Clark	45	
Dowling School Supply Co.	7 15	
Frank Hartshorn Co.	48 52	
W. F. French	9 55	
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.	3 86	
Manchester Hardware Co.	19 81	
A. L. Martin	54 68	
Inez Peterson, milk	6 50	
Fred L. Sawyer	5 30	
E. M. Stickney	68	
		$201 02

Flags and Appurtenances

Emerson & Son		$ 45

Other Expenses of Instruction

Ed. E. Babb & Co.	$ 1 92	
Marion L. Dodge, writing diplomas	5 00	
W. P. Goodman, Law'ce prize purch.	29 38	
George Langdell	1 00	
J. L. Hammett Co.	1 75	
J. P. Melzer, printing	9 35	
Milford Cabinet, printing	6 50	
Harter School Supply Co.	5 61	
Silver Burdett Co.	2 07	

E. M. Stickney, ribbon	95	
		$63 53

Operation and Maintenance of School Plant.

Janitor Service

Ed. R. Bartlett	$ 3 25	
Mrs. F. T. Boutelle	26 50	
Jeanette Bernard	12 60	
Johanna Buckley	3 85	
Ernest Burgeson	13 46	
Malcolm Clark	62 00	
Frank W. Crooker	25 00	
J. C. Dodge	4 00	
A. W. Hodges	45 00	
Bert Hubley	6 25	
E. M. Jackson	8 00	
Archie Mason	61 18	
A. W. Merrill	10 00	
George W. Moore	2 00	
Mary Wheeler	7 60	
M. W. Perry	36 00	
Mary Wheeler	7 69	
Joseph Willett	11 00	
Mrs. Alice Zarelle	38 75	
		$376 44

Fuel

L. M. Adams	$ 3 75
W. M. Chandler	86 00
W. B. Crooker	15 75
George Field	4 50
F. B. French	3 00
Lemuel Fuller	23 00
Charles D. Hale	20 00
Bert Hubley	7 50
Thomas Harvell	52 50
Hazeltine & Caldwell	17 50
A. L. Martin	6 00
Archie McEllen	1 00

T. S. Merrow	54 00	
F. C. Taylor	49 38	
L. T. Wright	30 00	
		$373 88

Light, Power and Janitors' Supplies

Milford Light and Power Co.	$40 05	
A. L. Martin	6 93	
Emerson & Son	1 25	
		$48 23

Minor Repairs and Equipment

W. E. Bernard	$ 2 75	
Bergami Hardware & Elec. Co.	11 88	
H. J. Cockrane	51 60	
A. W. Converse	32 28	
W. F. French	2 58	
A. L. Martin	9 82	
Archie Mason	1 40	
F. C. Taylor	20 89	
H. G. Upham	54 83	
		$194 03

Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities

Elementary School Tuition

School District of Milford	72 00	
School District of Merrimack	135 00	
		$207 00

Transportation

W. D. Clark	640 00	
J. C. Dodge	1 00	
Mrs. Horace Hanson	13 00	
Bert Hubley	27 00	
Ivah Palmer	51 00	
Levi Raymond	52 00	
Annie W. Prince	60 00	
		$844 00
Dr. Oscar Burns, medical inspection		100 00
D. McNettor & Co., school library books		50 00

Outlay for Construction and Equipment

Ed. E. Babb & Co. blackboards	20 68	
Bergami Hard. & Elec. Co., supplies	30 65	
W. F. French	24 67	
Manchester Hardware Co., blower	35 00	
F. C. Taylor, supplies and labor	6 20	
A. L. Martin, supplies	2 20	
		$119 40

Debt and Interest

Souhegan Nat'l Bank, Loan and Interest	$1,158 51

BUDGET, SEPT 1, 1920 TO AUG 31, 1921

	High	Elem
Teachers' salaries	$4650	$4320
Text books	100	150
Scholars' supplies	100	150
Flags and appurtenances	5	5
Janitor service	100	350
Fuel	100	300
Water	6	6
Light and power	30	10
Building supplies	5	10
Minor repairs	50	150
Medical inspection	25	100
Transportation		900
Elementary tuition		450
Other expense	25	25
Total for above items	$5196	$6926
Estimate of $5-tax on 1920 inventory		$5500
Aid to be expected from state		$1426

Requirements to Meet Budget

For support of elementary schools	$5500
For support of high school	$5196
Total for support of all schools	$10,696

School Board's Report of Assessment Required

For the support of schools and the purchase of required books, supplies and flags		$10696
Estimate of $3.50-tax on 1920 inventory	$3850	
Estimate of additional sums needed	$6846	
For payment of $2 per capita tax		$250
For salaries of school board		100
For salary of district treasurer		50
For salary of truant officer and census		25
For superintendent's excess salary		75
For other expenses of administration		200
Total		$11,396

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

Dr.

Balance in Treasury Sept 1, 1918	$ 24 66	
Town appropriation March 1918 for the period Sept 1, 1918 to Sept 1, 1919,	9178 88	
Special appropriation March 1919	250 00	
Dog tax, 1918	162 00	
Income from Funds		
Literary fund, N. H. state treasurer	$124 15	
School fund, N. H. state treasurer	966 00	
Lucretia Lawrence fund	18 00	
Lawrence School fund	65 19	
Spaulding fund	416 15	
Mary P. Nutt fund	206 60	
		$1796 09
Income from Tuitions		
Bedford	$110 00	
Hollis	82 50	
Mont Vernon	213 75	
Spofford School District	24 50	
		$430 75
New Boston school tax		118 00
*Borrowed from 1919-1920 appropriation		44 60
		$12,004 98

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Paid out upon approved bills and orders of school board	$12,004 98

FREDERICK W. BROWN
Treasurer Amherst School District.

——* There was upon Sept 1, 1919 considerably more than enough tuition bills still due the School District than would be required to make up this amount of $44.60

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM D. CLARK,
CHARLES P. DODGE,
Auditors.

STATISTICS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1918-1919

Whole number schools maintained including high	8
Number of one-room or mixed schools	5
Average membership of mixed schools	12
Aggregate number days lost from all causes	57½
Whole number of different pupils registered excluding those registered elsewhere in the state during the year	166
Boys	85
Girls	81
Number under 5 years of age	0
Number 5 to 8 years of age	30
Number 8 to 14 years of age	92
Number 14 to 16 years of age	31
Number over 16 years of age	16
Average attendance in all schools	128.66
Average absence in all schools	14.74
Average membership in all schools	143.40
Per cent of attendance	89.71
Number of pupils neither absent nor tardy	1
Number cases of tardiness	728
Number non-resident pupils in high school	7

Census Sept 1919

Number of boys 5 to 16 years of age	61
Number of girls 5 to 16 years of age	55
Total number of children enumerated	116

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board of Amherst:

I herewith submit my first annual report and the fourteenth since supervision was established.

Teachers

This subject is by far the most important matter educationally at the present time because there is a serious shortage of trained teachers and a more serious shortage of teachers about to enter training. The reason lies in the matter of salaries and it is imperative that salaries be materially increased or the usual changes from year to year will give us increasingly inferior teachers or no teachers at all. It was reported at a meeting of Superintendents at Durham, on Dec. 29, that fifty schools in New Hampshire were then closed through lack of teachers. And that in all probability, the turn over of teachers during the coming summer would require from 400 to 500 recruits, while the normal schools would graduate next June less than 100. Our neighboring states can furnish no material. We must make it worth while for New Hampshire girls to enter the profession.

What is the situation about salaries? As Commissioner Butterfield so clearly stated at a recent Teachers' Institute in Nashua, there are three elements which constitute a teacher's salary. They are

Financial return or wages.

Popular respect.

Inner satisfaction.

Wages should enable every teacher to live comfortably and be well dressed; keep abreast of times professionally through books, magazines and advanced study; and finally to provide a thrift wage against old age or other incapacity. No fixed amount in dollars can be stated as costs vary in different localities.

Popular respect means public sympathy and support

that is alert to recognize and reward deserving teachers in other ways than by money alone. Popular respect comes only when the value of education and the dignity of teaching is appreciated. Popular respect manifests itself in many ways: it provides comfortable homes, it searches out the teacher at her work, it regards teachers as assets in the social life of the community, it encourages boys and girls to become teachers if they are fit. But it dies the moment that interest drops—that moment when everybody's business becomes nobody's business—when nothing is done because each individual expects someone else to do the thing which he ought to do himself. Teachers, on their side, can not expect full measure of popular respect unless they deserve it and earn it both in the schoolroom and in the community at large.

Inner satisfaction or power is ever present in the teacher who likes to teach and knows how, but rarely exists in those who are marking time in the profession until some other job turns up. No encouragement should be given to incompetent or unprepared candidates for appointment or reelection.

Money is not all and will not alone solve the problem of shortage of teachers. There must be an increase in all three elements of the teacher's salary—wages, popular respect, and inner satisfaction—until the teaching profession attracts and holds the best minds in the country. For just as the training of experts in war was the key to victory, so education of both native born and foreign born is the key to Americanization.

The New Hampshire School Law of 1919. Finances.

These two subjects will be considered together, as they are closely allied. The law will not be quoted in full, but certain sections will be mentioned and discussed.

Section 9 states in effect that after Sept. 1, 1919, all school districts in the state shall be under supervision. The several school boards of districts forming super-

visory unions together constitute a joint board which board nominates the superintendent. The state board then employs him and fixes the minimum salary (now $2000.) Any union may add to this minimum, in which case one half the excess is paid by the state and one half is prorated to the districts in the union by the joint board.

The Milford supervisory union is now composed of the school districts of Amherst, Brookline, Milford and Mont Vernon. Joint expenses consist of one half the excess salary of the superintendent ($200), salary of superintendent's clerk ($400), and office expenses, ($24), all as voted by the joint board in August 1919. Ot these amounts Amherst pays one fourth, Brookline one sixth, Milford one half, and Mont Vernon one twelfth.

Section 12 states that the superintendent shall nominate and school boards elect, all teachers, and that superintendents shall direct the work of these teachers.

Section 20, amending public statutes Chapter 92, states: "The district shall furnish transportation to all pupile below the ninth grade who live more than two miles from the school to which they are assigned, or it may, with the consent of the pupils' parents provide board for them in some suitable home near the school. Pupils who are to be transported may be required to walk any reasonable part, not exceeding one mile, of the distance from their homes to the school. The school board may furnish transportation to pupils in grades above the eighth or to any pupils residing less than two miles from the school to which they are assigned when it finds that this is desirable, and shall furnish it when directed by the commissioner of education."

Under this law the transportation problem both from the point of view of expense and difficulty, has increased much over estimates of a year ago It must be recognized that a considerable sum expended for transportation may actually be less than would be expended

should another school room be opened with all the attending expense.

Section 21 amends Public Statutes, Chapter 88, to read: "The selectmen in each town shall assess an annual tax of three dollars and fifty cents on each thousand dollars of the value of the ratable estate taxable therein for the support of the public schools."

"The school board of each district in its annual report shall state in detail the additional sums of money, if any, which will be required during the ensuing fiscal year for the support of the public schools, for the purchase of text books scholars' supplies, flags and appurtenances, and for the payment of the tuition of the pupils in the district in high schools and academies in accordance with Chapter 96 of the Laws of 1901, and for the payment of all other statutory obligations of the district. The selectmen of the town in their next annual assessment shall assess upon the taxable property of the district a sum sufficient to meet the obligations above enumerated, with such alterations thereof as may be voted by the district, and when collected shall pay the same over to the district treasurer."

Section 22 states: "In any district in which the money produced by a tax of five dollars on a thousand dollars of the value of the ratable estates in the district is insufficient to maintain the required elementary and special schools, and to purchase the required text books, scholars' supplies, flags and appurtenances, the state board shall provide the balance of the money necessary from the money appropriated for that purpose by the provisions of this act. In districts so aided the state board, acting through the local school board, shall administer all money available for the maintenance of the public schools and shall account for the money raised by the districts as well as that furnished by the state."

Section 10 states: "Each school district in the state shall pay to the state treasurer on or before December 1

in each year, as its share of the expense incident to state-wide supervision of the public schools, a sum equal to two dollars for each child residing in the district who was enrolled in the public schools in the last preceding school year, and the selectmen shall annually assess upon the value of the ratable estate of the district a sum sufficient for this purpose."

This means that the school board reports the number of children registered to the selectmen, who assess this two-dollar tax without vote of the school district.

Laws of 1909, Chap. 22, state: "At its annual meeting each school district shall determine and appoint the salaries of its school board and truant officer. Truant officers or agents appointed by school boards are required annually in September to make enumeration of children.

The budget submitted for next year is framed to meet the requirements of eligibility for state aid.

Conclusion

In this report I have not attempted to cover the field at all fully, but rather to point out some things that need to be carefully considered in the formation of plans for next year.

Although we may truly say that the teacher is the most important part of the school system, yet, in New Hampshire, the state board of education, the superintendent, the local school board, the parents and the citizens all have a part to do if we are to make New Hampshire schools meet the standards set up by the Educational Law of 1919—standards which are being recognized all over the United States as superior to those of any other state in the Union.

Respectfully submitted,

Feb. 5, 1920. HAROLD C. BALES

REPORT OF HEADMASTER

To the Superintendent of the Schools of Amherst:

I herewith submit my first annual report as Headmaster of the Amherst High School.

School opened on Sept. 2 with an enrollment of 44 pupils, since which there has been an additional enrollment of two pupils, making a total of 46, of which 23 are boys and 23 are girls.

There has been one change in the faculty this year, beside the Headmaster. Miss Manks came to us from Radcliffe College to take up the English and Mathematics courses.

Miss Madeline Kingsley, Miss Dorothy Manks, Miss Bertha Piper, Mr. C. F. Wyman with the Headmaster constitute the faculty. The teachers have worked together, and without exception, they have rendered faithful and efficient service to our pupils.

Perhaps the subjects which first come to a person's mind when the Domestic Arts course is mentioned are Cookery and Sewing. In the Cookery courses the girls learn by actual experience how to preserve fruits and vegetables, how to cook vegetables and meat, and how to make bread and the common dishes served in our homes. Practice is also given in the planning and serving of meals. The aim in the sewing courses is to teach the girls to make, repair and renovate their own clothes. There are other interesting courses under this heading. In Household Appliances the girls become familiar with the equipment of a modern home by actual study of such equipment. Household Organization is the study of the planning, decorating, furnishing and equipping of a home. Household Management completes the work begun in Household Organization and takes up the study of family budgets, and the question of spending the family income to the best advantage.

The carpentry and blacksmithing departments, under the leadership of Mr. Wyman, have done some exceptionally good work this year. The following articles have been made this year; a large cupboard, bookracks, blackboard frames, a surveyor's level, a bread board, several bushel boxes, flag pole, a closet with glass doors for geological specimens, plane tables, and range poles, a gunter's chain, 16 surveyor's pins, a chain and considerable repair work about the schoolhouse.

The Agricultural courses have finally reached the standard where they are approved by the state. The students have taken up such practical problems as the study of machines commonly used on the farms of Hillsboro County such as mowing machines, plows, tractors, harrows, seeders, manure spreaders, potato diggers, hay rakes, gasoline engines, farm wagons and the various dairy devices.

In the course in Animal Husbandry, the students have taken up the study of dairy cattle, the effect of different feeds on milk production, influence of a pure bred sire, what to feed and how much to feed, the study of poultry and swine.

In the course in Horticulture the boys are studying the varieties of vegetables common to Amherst and the fertilizer requirements of the above mentioned vegetables. In the school garden several hundred apple seeds have been planted, these will be used for future classes to demonstrate the different methods of grafting, such as budding, clift grafting, root grafting etc.

In the class in Farm Management the boys are drawing blue prints of their own farms, studying their own conditions and how to improve them. They are also studying marketing and advertising.

The class in Farm Engineering will go out and actually survey several farms for the citizens of Amherst and will be instructed in the use of the common surveying instruments.

The reports of the boys showed an average profit of over $90 on their home projects. The boys have already been visited twice by the Headmaster and will be visited more as the planting season comes along.

This year the school gave their exhibit with the grange fair, and some splendid samples of canned goods, handiwork and vegetables were displayed. Carl Prince and Roy Parker both exhibited eleven kinds of vegetables which eclipsed many varieties shown by the "grown ups." A special feature of the school exhibit was the cakes made by the boys, competing for the fountain pen, which was given by the Grange. Allen Howard, Roy Parker, Carl Prince, John Carkin, and Asahel Morang competed for the prize. The prize was won by Asahel Morang who made an excellent, eggless, butterless, milkless cake.

In connection with the agricultural and domestic arts courses, the program includes such classical subjects as English, four years, Algebra, Geometry, Ancient, Mediaeval, and Modern, English and U. S. Constitutional History, also physical training.

The English Course consists of composition work, letter writing, grammar rhetoric, study of the classics and the reading and discussion of Current Literature.

The Mediaeval and Modern History course takes in the recent world war.

The U. S. Constitutional History course takes up a study of our own government, state, city and town government. In short, it is a course which will enable men and women to know more about our government, its foundation, and what it stands for.

The Algebra and Geometry courses, given in the freshman and sophomore years, are regular classical courses such as are given in every high school throughout the state.

There were three conditions which I found at the High School which I thought should not exist, and which

I have tried to overcome. The first was, that the school did not meet the requirements of the Smith Hughes Law; second the inability of the students to handle a fair assignment of home work; and third, the apparent lack of knowledge which the parents had of what our High School stands for and the methods of administration.

I understand that our school is now a candidate for the Smith Hughes fund which may mean some $300 available to the school for a teacher's salary.

As regards the matter of the students' ability to handle a fair assignment of home work, this seemed due to the fact that the present senior class has had sixteen different teachers during their four years at the Amherst high school. The scholars have shown their ability and are right up to the standard at the present time.

To be more certain that the parents should know what is going on at the school and give them a chance to voice their criticisms before an assemblage of both townspeople and teachers, a public meeting of parents was held at the school on Friday Dec. 5, 1919.

Mr. May, high school agent for New Hampshire, Superintendent Bales, School Board, teachers and Headmaster were present. Some forty people listened to talks byMr. May, Superintendent Bales, and the Headmaster. Several questions were asked by the parents which were promptly answered by Superintendent Bales. Appointments were made with some of the parents to visit school unannounced, together with the superintendent. One of the parents, upon visiting the schools, was surprised at the quality and amount of work that was being carried on at the school.

I know that there are several more who would be surprised, and hope they will visit us at their earliest opportunity.

At the close of the meeting a light lunch was served

by the girls of the domestic science class. More of these meetings will be held later and it is hoped that a parent-teachers organization may be formed.

The High School wishes to be of more service to the community if possible. We are equipped with apparatus for testing milk, testing soil for acidity and testing seed for percent germination. All this is free to the people of Amherst and it is hoped that they will avail themselves of the opportunity which is offered to so few towns in the state.

In closing, I wish to express my gratitude to yourself, the School Board and to the people of Amherst for their cordial support of our High School.

Respectfully submitted,

B. R. GRAVES,
Headmaster.

GRADUATES OF AMHERST HIGH SCHOOL, 1919

Charlotte Anne Boutelle — Alma Alveda Monson
Lucy Ann Odell — Verna Eloise Slack
Elizabeth Beulah Weston

REPORT OF MEDICAL INSPECTION

Number children examined	124
Number notices sent to parents	78
Number defective teeth	78
Number hypertrophied tonsils	19
Number adenoids	2
Number nervous disease	10
Number anemia	1
Number malnutrition	1
Number defective vision	13
Number enlarged glands	2
Number unvaccinated	35
Number defective breathing	1

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE, 1918-1919

HIGH SCHOOL

Fall Term

Arson Bragdon — Archie Mason
Pearl Mason — Esther Monson
Lucy Odell

Winter Term

Ruth Aitchison — Thomas Doyle

Spring Term

Pearl Mason — Isabelle Grant — Edna Odell

INTERMEDIATE

Fall Term

Herbert Boutelle, Florence Haywood, Edith Aitchison

Winter Term

Herbert Boutelle — Florence Haywood
Charles Howard — Ruth Richardson

Spring Term

Florence Haywood

PRIMARY

Fall Term

Clarence Richardson

Spring Term

Helen Carkin

CHESTNUT HILL

Fall Term

Frances Abbott, Herman Clark, Alden Clark

Spring Term

Frances Abbott

PONEMAH

Fall Term

Howard Crooker — Paul Rimbach

Winter Term

Richard Ingram — John Richardson

Spring Term

Alma Richardson — Marion Richardson

STATISTICS OF TEACHERS, FEBRUARY 1, 1920

Name	Grade	Weekly salary	Years in Milford	Previous experience	Training or school
Edna Burtt	3	$14 00	0	1¾	Keene Normal, Sum.
Maurine F. Dudley	5	$15 00	0	0	Kindergarten Normal
Beth Easter	2	$14 00	0	2	Keene & Ply. Nor. S.
B. Robert Graves	High	1550yr	0	2½	Conn. Agricultural
Mildred K. Herlihy	4-5-6	$16 00	0	0	Fitchburg Normal
Madalaine D. Kingsley	High	$19 44	1	0	Simmons
Dorothy J. Manks	High	$19 44	0	0	Radcliffe
Olive A. Perkins	7	$15 00	0	1	Sanborn Sem.
Bertha L. Piper	High	$19 44	1	1	Ply. & Keene Nor.
Florence M. Prescott	1-2-3	$16 00	0	0	Training School
Charles F. Wyman	Shop	$14 00	3	0	

VITAL STATISTICS

To the Selectmen of Amherst, N. H.:

In compliance with an act of the Legislature enacted June session, 1887, requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the annual reports," I submit the following.

WILLIAM W. SLOAN,
Town Clerk.

Births Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31. 1919

Date and Place of Birth	Name of the Child (If any.)	Sex and Condition. Sex	Living or Stillborn.	No. Child, 1st, 2d etc.	Name of father.	Maiden name of Mother	Residence of parents.	Occupation of father.	Birthplace of father.	Birthplace of mother
Jan. 15, Amherst	Evelyn		F	L	3	Elmer White	Alvira Stockwell	Amherst	Laborer	Amherst	Amherst
Feb. 10, Amherst	Julia Louise		F	L	3	Clarence Trombley	Teolies A. Trombley	Amherst	Farmer	Hragte, Vt.	Washington, Vt
Feb. 21 Amherst	Carl Sumner	M		L	2	Sumner Merrill	Olive Kelley	Amherst	Farmer	Littleton, Mass.	Pelham
July 6, Amherst	Richard Boylston	M		L	4	Howard Locke	Louise Ford	Amherst	Farmer	Beachmont, Ms.	Hyde Park, Ms
July 13, Amherst	Edward Harold	M		L	5	Ezio Consigli	Candida Besozzi	Amherst	Stone Cutter	Rovigo, Italy	Laranga, Italy
Aug. 4, Amherst	* Barbara		F	L	8	Richard Hare	Josephine Watson	Amherst	Farmer	Charlottsvile Va	Walnut Bend V.
Feb. 23, Amherst	Lawrence Edwood	M		L	6	Bert Hubley	Ethel Whittemore	Amherst	Farmer	Goffstown	Kittery, Me.
June 3, Amherst	Francis Gordon	M		L	2	John Chas Duval	Ester Hicks	Amherst	Chauffer	Wilton	Amherst
June 13, Amherst	Hazel Howard		F	L	1	Norman Trow	Helen Howard	Amherst	Farmer	Mount Vernon	Milford
Sept. 23, Amherst	Harry Franklin	M		L	10	John W. Davis	Clara Marshall	Amherst	Laborer	Nashua	Merrimack
Oct. 23, Amherst	Horace Greely	M		L	6	Horace Hanson	Etta May Adams	Amherst	Farmer	Amherst	Portland, Me

* Colored

Marriages Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1919

Date and Place of marriage.	Name and surname of groom and bride	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Age	Occupation of groom and bride	Place of birth of each.	Names of parents	Birthplace of parents	Occupation	Name, residence and official station of person by whom married
Jan. 7, Huntington, Mass.	William R. Crowther	[illegible]	26	[illegible]	Reading, Mass.	George Crowther Mary L. Hubley	[illegible]	[illegible]	L. F. Mallery Baptist Clergyman Huntington, Mass.
	Estella Maud Smith	[illegible]	17	[illegible]	N. Chester, Ms.	Fred B. Smith Anetta C. Goff	No. [illegible] Springfield, Ms.	Motor Driver	
May 1 Nashua	Edward Larnes	[illegible]	22	[illegible]	Cambridge, Ms.	Marshall Larnes Fanny McMahon	Falls Church, Va. Halifax, N. S.	Chauffeur	Warren L. Noyes Clergyman Nashua, N. H.
	Beatrice I. Chaplin	[illegible]	19	[illegible]	Cambridge, Ms.	Charles Chaplin Mary Mahoney	Cambridge, Ms. N. Andover, Ms.	Cabinet Maker	
June 3, Milford	Archie L. Blair	[illegible]	21	[illegible]	N. Reading, Ms.	Robert M. Blair Effie Delong	Novia Scotia Novia Scotia	Farmer	Charles A. Reese, Clergyman Milford, N. H.
	Laura H. Gibson	[illegible]	16	[illegible]	Merrimack	James E. Gibson Mable E. Wilson	Nashua Bridgewater, Vt.	Laborer	
Oct. 6, Amherst	Howard L. Gilson	[illegible], Mass	40	R. F. D. Carrier	Groton, Ms.	Monroe Gilson Sara F. Priest	Groton, Mass. Groton, Mass.		H. A. Coolidge Clergyman Antrim, N. H.
	Bertha C. Swallow	[illegible], Mass	29	[illegible]	Groton, Ms.	Myron P. Swallow Martha B. Morse	Groton, Mass. Francestown		

Deaths Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1919

Date and Place of Death	Name and Surname of deceased.	Age. Years.	Months.	Days	Place of birth.	Sex	Sin. Mar. Wid.	Occupation.	Place of birth Father.	Place of birth Mother.	Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.
Jan. 14, Amherst	Harriet Parkhurst	73			Amherst	F	M		Tyngsboro, Mas.	Amherst	Jeremiah Upton	Almira Howard
Jan. 22, Amherst	Martin B Carpenter	59	5	8	Cornsh, N. H.	M	M	Salesman	Waterbury Vt.	Cornish	Alfred P. Carpenter	Maria Lewis
Feb. 25, Amherst	Eunice A. Farley	0	5	9	Amherst	F	S		Gorham, Me.	Manchester, Eg.	George W. Farley	Alberta Cave
Mar. 16, Amherst	James R. Tait	32	3	2	Scotland	M	M		Scotland	Scotland	John S. Tait	Elizabeth Sutherl'd
Mar. 15, Amherst	Carrie M. Burns	34	0	3	Burlington Vt.	F	M		Portsmouth	Vermont	Col. Henry Hall	Addie Buzzell
Mar. 16, Amherst	James Broderick	66	3	16	New York, N. Y.	M	M	Farmer	Co. Gallway Ire		Thomas Broderick	Sarah McGowen
Apr. 2, Amherst	Charles H. Longa	74	9	28	Merrimack	M	W	Farmer	Merrimack	Merrimack	Nelson Longa	
Feb. 27, Amherst	Evelyn White		1	14	Amherst	F	S		Nashua	Concord	Elmer White	Elvira Stockwell
May 8, Amherst	Henry R. Boutelle	82	11	8	Amherst	M	W	Retired	Amherst	Amherst	Robert Boutelle	Frances Melendy
July 1, Amherst	Leon Bryant	31	9	10	Francestown	M	M	Farmer	Francestown	Francestown	Samuel E. Bryant	Ella M. Bradford
July 3, Amherst	Cyrus R. Brown	69	1	14	Knox, Me.	M	W	Farmer	Maine	Maine	Cyrus Brown	
July 8, Amherst	Asa G. Hammond	72	7	18	Bow	M	M	Farmer	Bow	Bow	Jonathan Hammond	Clara C. Elliott
May 21, Amherst	William L. Cross	66	11	11	Londonderry	M	M	Farmer			William L. Cross	Henrietta Woodward
June 2, Amherst	Henry C. Sprague	78	5	26	Millbridge, Me.	M	M	Farmer	Maine	Maine	Wellington Sprague	Mary E. Gray
July 24, Amherst	Herbert R. Fulton	73	3	8	Peterboro	M	M	Farmer	Deering	New Boston	Robert Fulton	Mary Richards
Aug. 6, Amherst	* Barbara Hare			2	Amherst	F	S		Virginia	Arkansas	Richard Hare	Josephine Watson
Sept. Amherst	Ephriam Parkhurst	77	4	9	Bedford	M	W	Farmer	Bedford	Merrimack	Rufus Parkhurst	Louisa Prince
Oct. 17, Amherst	James Barker	90	5	23	Windham	M	W	Farmer	Pelham	New Boston	Jacob B. Barker	Annie M. Maden
Oct. 23, Amherst	Hanson	0	0	1	Amherst	M	S		Amherst	Portland, Me.	Horace Hanson	Etta M. Adams
Nov. 21, Amherst	Henry F. Davis	0	1	28	Amherst	M	S		Nashua	Merrimack	John Davis	Clara Marshall
Nov. 24, Amherst	Henry Lang	75	8	16	Broome, P. Q.	M	M	Farmer	Ireland	Shefford, P. Q.	John Lang	Dansilla Hayes
Dec. 4, Amherst	Dana W. Keys	42	5	14	Nashua	M	M	Farmer	Hancock	Milford	Alfred . Keyes	Harriet N. Wheeler
Nov. 25, Amherst	Louise A. Crooker	75	5	5	London, Eng.	F	W		England	England	Bennett	

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